Textile Mills lying closed

†1008. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills in the country lying closed for more than ten years;

(b) the names and locations thereof;

(c) the reasons for closing down of B.N.C. mill in Chhattisgarh and since when it has been closed down; and

(d) the details of action being taken of reviving or selling the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Schemes for growing textile centres

1009. SHRI M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented by Government for industrial development in traditionally growing textile centres in the country; and

(b) the State-wise details of funds sanctioned, released and spent under the said scheme on each centre during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (b) The activities in the textile sector are mainly concentrated in decentralized sectors. The schemes in the textile sector are for the overall development of the sectors and are not focused on specific regions/centres. The funds in the textile sector are released to various implementing agencies under various schemes, which are also not state specific, on the basis of viability of the proposals received. Some of the important schemes being implemented in textile sector are:—

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Sl. No.	Sector	Name of Scheme
1.	Handlooms	Handloom Export Scheme (HES) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana Marketing Promotion Programme Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme Weaver's Welfare Scheme
2.	Handicrafts	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana Export Promotion Scheme Special Handicrafts Training Programme (SHTP) Bima Yojana for Handicrafts Artisans
3.	Sericulture	Catalytic Development Programme
4.	Cotton	Technology Mission on Cotton
5.	Organised Sector	Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme
6.	Export	Schemes for Integrated Textile Park

Bringing down excise duty on fibres

†1010. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring down excise duty on MMF fibres from 16 percent to 8 per cent.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that nation's textile industry is not attaining the expected growth due to tax burden and red tape; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) In the Budget proposal 2006-07, excise duty on man-made fibres and yarns has been reduced from 16% to 8%.

(c) and (d) Fiscal duty structure in textile sector has been rationalized over the last few years which is stated to have led to increased growth and inflow of investment in the textile sector.

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